

**Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 23, 2004**  
**Twin Pines Senior and Community Center**

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Warden, Feierbach, Mathewson, Bauer, Metropulos

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Rich, City Attorney Savaree, Community Development Director Ewing, City Clerk Cook.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Led by Webelos Pack 83, Central School, Jim Ray, Leader**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Update from Assemblyman Gene Mullin**

Assemblyman Mullin congratulated Mayor Metropulos for his year as Mayor. He stated that he was available to the public for comments and questions regarding legislative matters. He commented that he was pleased with the outcome of Proposition 1A on the November ballot. He noted that he is familiar with Belmont since his daughter and her family live here, and is an active city that makes its views known. He stated that he is working on a legislative package, and that 40 bills have been introduced over the past two years.

Mayor Metropulos noted that Assemblymember Mullin is a retired teacher and is an advocate for education. He thanked Mr. Mullin for attending this evening.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Metropulos announced that the City's website was had been offline for several days, and staff were unable to receive email. He stated that this situation would hopefully be corrected soon.

Mayor Metropulos also thanked the various dignitaries present at tonight's meeting, including Supervisor Jerry Hill, Commissioners, school board members, Columnist Jerry Fuchs, members of the Chamber of Commerce Board, and representatives from Notre Dame de Namur University.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval of** Minutes of the Regular and Special Meeting of October 26, 2004, and Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2004.

**Approval of** Ordinance 1003 Repealing Ordinance 932 Establishing An Arts Commission Codified As Belmont Municipal Code Chapter 2, Administration, Article X, Arts Commission, Sections 2-180 Through 2-186 And Chapter 5.5, Arts, Article I, In General, Article II, Commission, Sections 5.5-1 Through 5.5-28.

**Approval of** Resolution 9611 Accepting the Work, Approving Contract Change Orders No. 1 and 2 and Authorization to Issue Notice of Completion for Patricia Wharton/Alameda Gateway Project, P & A Construction Inc., City Contract No. 461.

**Approval of** Resolution 9612 Accepting a \$500 Donation from Allstate Foundation.

**Acceptance of** Police Department/City Hall Project - November Monthly Update.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Mathewson, seconded by Councilmember Warden, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Request for Direction on Neighborhood Outreach for Development of Old City Hall Property -- 1365 Fifth Avenue**

Community Development Director Ewing stated that staff was seeking direction regarding neighborhood outreach for the future development of the former city hall site on Fifth Avenue. He noted that in 2003, two responses to RFP's (Request for Proposals) were received, one from a for-profit, the other from a not-for-profit organization for seven to ten single-family home sites. He noted that brief proformas were included. He outlined the various options, and noted that outreach could be combined with presentation by developers. He noted that the creek could impact any development of the property.

Councilmember Feierbach concurred with the combined process, and suggested inviting neighboring businesses as well.

Councilmember Bauer suggested the Council convene following neighborhood outreach, similar to the process being used for the Emmett House.

**Judy King**, Fifth Avenue, suggested extending the notification beyond the 300-foot radius to include all of Fifth Avenue. She also noted that an extensive study had already been made of this property.

#### **MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION**

##### **Consideration of amendment to municipal code regarding length of term of Planning Commissioners (Mathewson).**

Councilmember Mathewson stated that in some years, none of the Planning Commission terms expire, and that in 2005, four of the terms will do so. He noted that this could present a difficulty if four new members are seated. He suggested codifying the ordinance for staggered terms. He clarified that he had spoken with members of the Planning Commission who concurred with this approach.

City Attorney Savaree stated that she could have this item ready for the next meeting in order to expedite the process prior to the next Commission cycle.

Council concurred to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

##### **Recognition Of Outgoing Mayor**

Councilmember Bauer presented the Mayor with a plaque. He stated that it has been a good year, that the Mayor has been a stabilizing influence, and that he has run the meetings well.

Councilmember Mathewson thanked the Mayor for well-run meetings. He presented the Mayor with a bottle of wine and a coupon for the Dollar Store.

Councilmember Warden stated that there was often controversy, that this was a difficult year with budget cuts, but that Mayor Metropulos always saw the positive in various issues, and made it fun. He commented that he was honored to serve with the Mayor, and presented him with a gift card to Peet's Coffee.

Councilmember Feierbach stated that Mayor Metropulos had an even hand and was always able to organize her disorganized comments. She presented him with a box of chocolates.

**Alex Reid**, Student at Central Elementary School, thanked Mayor Metropulos for his year as Mayor. He stated what other person could get away with being Mayor and dressing up as Elvis and Captain

Underpants. He noted that the Mayor was a role model, and has encouraged more students to be interested in community issues.

**Mary Morrissey-Parden**, President, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, thanked Mayor Metropulos for his support of the Chamber, and presented him with a tree to be planted somewhere in the City.

**Charmaine Hope**, Executive Director, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, thanked Mayor Metropulos for supporting all of the Chamber's activities, and for allowing himself to be dunked in the dunk tank at the 2003 Community Faire. She noted that the Mayor's Elvis costume was retired as a result of that activity, since the wig was ruined, and she presented him with a new Elvis wig.

**Dr. Lucille Sansing**, Notre Dame de Namur University, presented the Mayor with a Proclamation from the University. She stated that the Mayor dedicated time and energy to the University, and she was grateful for his support.

**Amanda Wilson**, Student Body President, Carlmont High School, stated that she is a former student of Mayor Metropulos. She commented that the Mayor was a positive influence for her, and always encouraged her to do her best. She noted that as a result, she is now involved in student government. She added that the Mayor maintains a big presence at Carlmont High School. She presented the Mayor with a poster picture of him in his Halloween costume.

**George Kranen**, Notre Dame Avenue, thanked Mayor Metropulos for his year as Mayor. He presented the Mayor with a bumper sticker.

### **Remarks By Outgoing Mayor**

Mayor Metropulos thanked his parents, students, former students, school family, school staff, and City Council colleagues. He noted that Council was supportive even when they did not agree. He also thanked the staff, and thanked Interim City Manager Rich's assistance with his State of the City address earlier in the year. He noted a special thanks to the citizens of Belmont for their ongoing support and communication. He stated the most important thing in Belmont is community and neighborhoods.

Mayor Metropulos outlined a number of the large projects that have progressed during the year.

Mayor Metropulos commented that it was an honor to be Mayor in the town where he grew up. He mentioned that he has had contact with a variety of people and organization, including private and public schools, scouting groups, and Notre Dame de Namur University.

He concluded by saying that he will continue do his best to do what is best for the City of Belmont.

#### **Council Nomination And Selection Of Mayor**

#### **Nominations and consideration of Resolution approving Mayor for ensuing year.**

Mayor Metropulos called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Councilmember Warden nominated Councilmember Feierbach for Mayor, who declined the nomination.

Councilmember Feierbach nominated Councilmember Warden.

There being no other nominations, Mayor Metropulos closed the nominations.

**ACTION:** Resolution 9613 Approving Mayor for ensuing year (2005) was approved by a roll call vote of 3-1-1 (Bauer no, Warden abstain).

#### **Administration of Oath of Office.**

City Clerk Cook administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Warden.

#### **Council Nomination And Selection Of Vice Mayor**

#### **Nominations and consideration of Resolution approving Vice Mayor for ensuing year.**

Councilmember Feierbach nominated Councilmember Mathewson for Vice Mayor.

There being no other nominations, Mayor Warden closed the nominations.

**ACTION:** Resolution 9614 Approving Vice-Mayor for ensuing year (2005) was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0-1 (Mathewson abstain).

**REMARKS BY NEW MAYOR**

Mayor Warden stated that he loves Belmont. He was born and raised here, attended local schools, has his business here, and has taught school here. He stated that he would do everything in his power to make this a good year for Belmont.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 7:55 P.M.

Terri Cook

Belmont City Clerk

Meeting Tape Recorded and Videotaped

Tape Number 595